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EA FOR AMBASSADOR MILLER

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SUBJECT: ARRANGEMENTS FOR AMBASSADOR MILLER'S ARRIVAL

REF: STATE 119393

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF PROPOSED ARRIVAL STATEMENT. PLEASE CABLE US  
YOUR APPROVAL AND/OR CHANGES. WE WILL REPRODUCE THE FINAL  
STATEMENT FOR DISTRIBUTION UPON YOUR ARRIVAL.

1. IT IS INDEED A GREAT PLEASURE TO RETURN TO MALAYSIA. JUST A  
LITTLE MORE THAN A YEAR AGO IT WAS MY PRIVILEGE TO VISIT KUALA LUMPUR  
FOR THE FIRST TIME WHEN I CAME HERE WITH VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER. I

WAS IMPRESSED AT THAT TIME WITH THE GRACIOUSNESS OF THE MALAYSIAN PEOPLE

AND WITH THE BEAUTY OF THE CAPITAL CITY. I THEREFORE WAS DELIGHTED TO  
LEARN THAT I WOULD HAVE A CHANCE TO RETURN TO MALAYSIA SO SOON AND TO  
HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF SHARING THAT EXPERIENCE WITH MY FAMILY.

2. THE WARM AND CORDIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES MAKE THIS A

DOUBLY PLEASANT ASSIGNMENT. MALAYSIA AND THE UNITED STATES SHARE MANY  
VALUES AND IDEALS, AND THIS IS THE TRUEST BASIS FOR ENDURING FRIENDSHIP.  
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WE ARE BOTH CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRACIES WITH THE FIRM LEGACY OF A DEEP  
RESPECT FOR THE RULE OF LAW AND FOR INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM. WE ALSO HAVE  
MANY INTERESTS IN COMMON, INCLUDING SUBSTANTIAL TRADE AND INVESTMENT  
TIES AND A GROWING EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONSHIP. IT IS MY  
SINCERE HOPE THAT OUR EXISTING BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP WILL BE MAINTAINED  
AND STRENGTHENED IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

3. BEFORE I CLOSE I WOULD LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT AMERICA'S SOUTHEAST ASIAN POLICY. I KNOW THAT IN THE WAKE OF THE WAR IN VIETNAM THERE IS GREAT CONCERN THAT THE UNITED STATES IS SOMEHOW PULLING OUT OF THE AREA. I WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT THIS IS DECIDEDLY NOT THE CASE. U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT WITH THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER. WE REMAIN GREATLY INTERESTED IN DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION. WE CONTINUE TO TALK WITH THE VIETNAMESE IN PARIS ABOUT NORMALIZING RELATIONS. WE WELCOME THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS AND, AS YOU KNOW, WILL BEGIN DIRECT TALKS WITH ASEAN ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC ISSUES LATER IN THE YEAR. POLITICAL REALITIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA HAVE CHANGED IN RECENT YEARS AND THE NATURE OF AMERICAN RELATIONS WITH THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION HAVE NECESSARILY ALSO CHANGED, BUT WE REMAIN INTERESTED IN AND VERY MUCH INVOLVED WITH MALAYSIA AND ITS ASEAN PARTNERS.

4. LET ME SAY AGAIN HOW HAPPY MY WIFE AND I ARE TO BE IN MALAYSIA. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD WITH GREAT ANTICIPATION TO OUR STAY HERE, AND WE HOPE IT WILL BE A LONG ONE.  
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